

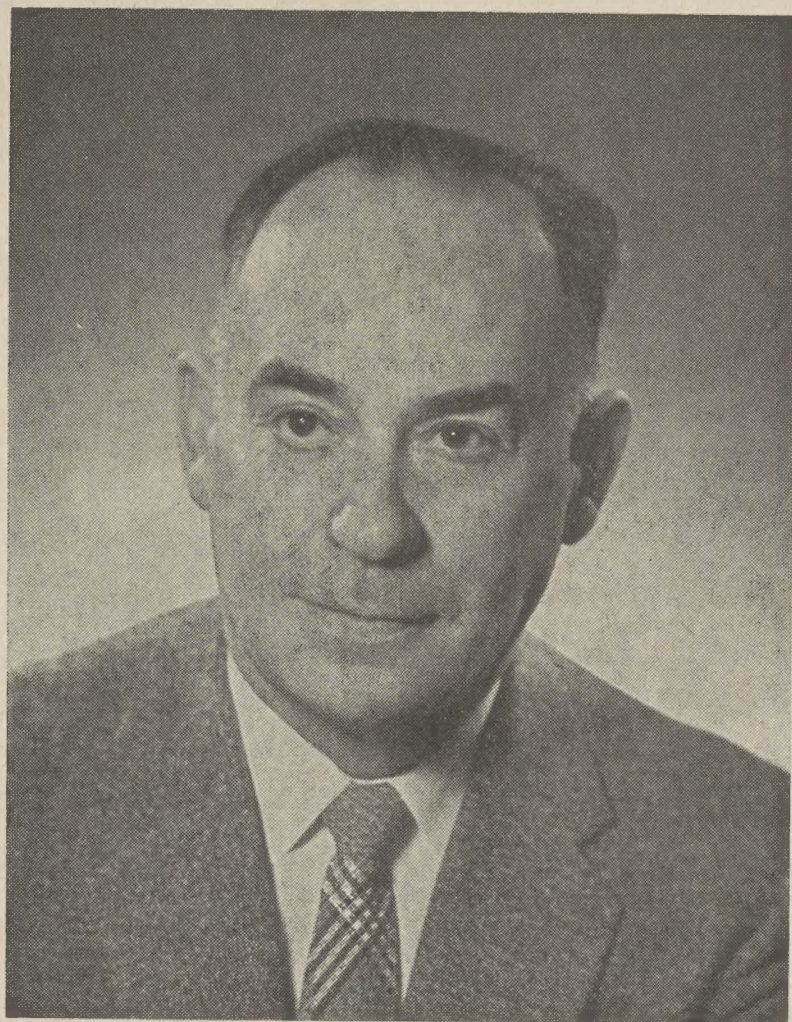
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Remembering

WALTER A. DINWOODIE



Walter A. Dinwoodie

A Friend Of The Students

Walter A. Dinwoodie will not be soon forgotten.

During his fifteen years with the Students' Union, Mr. Dinwoodie won many friends among the student body and the community, and contributed to the growth of a strong and independent student government.

In addition to performing his duties, he was always able to find time to discuss the many problems of university life with students involved in extra-curricular activities.

He kept the machinery of student government operative. He was the man who helped ideas become realities, who found the way of making budgets less than problems, who made the Students' Union the smoothly-functioning apparatus it has become.

MORE THAN NINE TO FIVE

At his death, Mr. Dinwoodie was administering an annual budget exceeding a quarter of a million dollars. The union's assets are more than one million dollars. Behind the dollar signs, the patient work of Mr. Dinwoodie defies measurement.

His hours were not merely nine to five. He spent a great deal of his own time on student problems. Although modesty was perhaps the foremost characteristic of his personality, his tireless industry was known to all.

The greatest tribute paid to him during his career came shortly be-

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Biography

FIFTEEN YEARS IN THE STUDENTS UNION

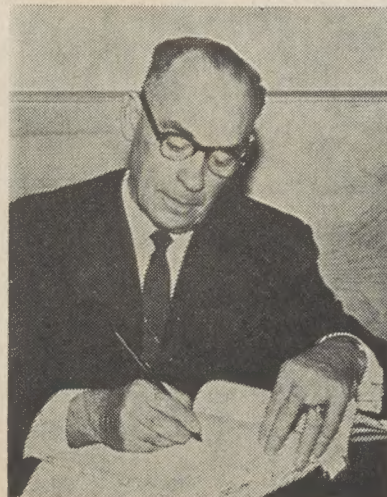
Walter A. Dinwoodie, permanent business manager of the students' union for 15 years, died suddenly Dec. 20, 1962. He was 57 years old.

Mr. Dinwoodie was born in the town of Lavoy, Alberta, formerly named Dinwoodie. He spent a number of years teaching in the Vegreville district and as secretary of the Vegreville Municipal District. He was City Commissioner for Wetaskiwin before accepting the students' union post.

During the Second World War, Mr. Dinwoodie served with the R.C.A.F.

Shortly before his death, students' council appointed Mr. Dinwoodie Planning Advisor to the Students' Union. He was to have directed the proposed multi-million dollar expansion program for the Students' Union Building. Students' Council knew that with Walter Dinwoodie's patient interest the new SUB would be planned and built with the student in mind.

Walter Dinwoodie was never too busy to see a student; a constant stream of students entered his office every day. Extracurricular activities will suffer for his passing.



. . . at his desk

Reprint from a Gateway editorial of November, 1961

Too often we fail to appreciate machines that run smoothly. Only when something goes wrong do we take notice.

For fourteen years Walter A. Dinwoodie has been quietly and effectively conducting the business of our students' union. As the permanent business manager, he must unravel the financial tangles of thirty-two students organizations.

Included in the gruesome list are The Gateway, Students' Council, Evergreen and Gold, and Mixed Chorus. Mr. Dinwoodie is responsible for all purchases and invoicing, and keeps an eye on the budget of each organization. Further, he is in charge of operating the Students' Union Building and the students' union office.

However, the most significant aspect of Walter Dinwoodie's contribution to this university is the work he does over and above his normal duties.

He is always willing to confer with students and is constantly called away from his work to give advice on the crisis of the day. Campus leaders draw on his experience to guide them in their decision making. Without such advice too many problems would be attacked on a trial and error basis, with many mistakes and much waste of time the result.

Significantly, Mr. Dinwoodie does not force his opinions and experience on the student executives around him. He will say nothing unless asked.

With a comparatively small staff, Walter Dinwoodie has been able to efficiently look after the affairs of thousands of students over the years. It is a tribute to him that the students' union of the University of Alberta is one of the best administered in Canada or the United States.

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fore his death, when Students' Council appointed him planning adviser to the Students' Union. It was to be his task to take charge of developing a \$2,500,000 expansion of the Students' Union Building. The students knew that with his help, the building would become one of significance, and would be outstanding among Canadian student facilities.

Other tributes are being made. In addition to this special edition of The Gateway, the Evergreen and Gold year book will be dedicated to Mr. Dinwoodie this year.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Another tribute being suggested by Students' Council executive is that of re-naming of the West Lounge in honor of Mr. Dinwoodie.

The executive is also suggesting that a memorial prize or scholarship be established in his name. The prize would probably be related to two realms close to Mr. Dinwoodie's heart—student activities and academic achievement. Regarding the latter point, Mr. Dinwoodie continually stressed that his job was to make student activities as little time-consuming as possible, so that proper attention could be given to studies. He felt that the Students' Union should exist in accord with the nature of this academic institution.

Tribute was paid to Mr. Dinwoodie by many students, past and present, at his funeral. The pallbearers included four students' union presidents: Ed Stack, Peter Loughheed, John Decore, and the present president, Dave Jenkins.

Indeed, the tributes will go on for many years for Walter Dinwoodie. For the greatest memorial to him is in the memories of the thousands of students, who over the years, enjoyed the benefit of his tireless industry and kindly assistance.